

City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
August 16, 2004

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Albert Alcorn, N. Gupta, D. Gupta, G. Ali-Santosa, W. Lam, P. Peterson, V. Mathur, R. Gopalara, I. Munir

I.S. Staff: A. Rich, E. Pasion City Council: A. Gomez

Members Absent: P. Gupta, A. Ettinger

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements made for the record.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S P. Peterson / N. Gupta Ayes: 9

**V. Approval of the Minutes
July 19, 2004**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

VI. Citizen's Forum

Bill Dale, 211 Smithwood, president of the Milpitas ARES-RACE radio operators group. He invited the Commission to visit the group's information booth at the Milpitas 2004 Art & Wine festival. He provided information to the Commission regarding broadband services being provided over electrical power lines and possibly causing radio interference with traditional radio services.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Nextel Antenna Installation 1100 S Main.

Troy Fujimoto, with the City's planning department, and representatives from Nextel Communications, presented a proposal to install 12 cellular antennas within an enclosure in the tower at the Great Mall.

Chair Alcorn reiterated the need to have the placement of placards notifying of possible radiation hazards present when

accessing the location for service work or by emergency personnel.

Gunawan noted that a reference copy of the license was provided with the application. He requested that the proper current license be provided as part of the final application.

Representatives from Nextel added that the document would be faxed to the City the next day to complete the application per the Commission's requirements.

Motion approval with the condition of the proper installation of placard notification and submittal of a copy of operational license prior to installation of the antennas.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 9

2. Subcommittee Report Cable Policy.

Commissioner Alisantosa provided a summary of the cable television subcommittee activities involving the development of a Milpitas government access policy.

Commission D. Gupta reported that all the comments and revisions have been added to the updated draft version 6. Modify item 2 was discussed regarding the involvement of the city council for final review as part of the appeal process.

Commissioner Gopalaraa noted that the role of the Commission should be the same as advisory. Recommendations should be made aware of the commission's duties and role provided in the recommendations.

The role would of review would be similar like that of reviewing the application for antenna installation.

Commissioner D. Gupta noted that draft versions 7 would be developed and would be brought back to the Commission for review.

Chair Alcorn requested to have the information be updated and be placed on the agenda for the September 20th Commission meeting.

Motion to continue discussion of the policy document at the September 20th Commission meeting.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 9

3. Status Report of Comcast Cable Franchise

Staff reported that the City will be meeting with Comcast in late August to address the following outstanding items; gross revenue, bundled services, and additional PEG channels. Pending language will be reviewed and discussed by the committee.

Chair Alcorn asked how many years would the new cable franchise agreement with Comcast and the City would be. Staff noted that the cable franchise would be established for 10 years once all parties have agreed to all the negotiated terms.

Motion to note receipt and file

M/S R. Gopalara/D. Gupta

Ayes: 9

4. July '04 Month Report.

Chair Alcorn asked on the web camera on the Crown Plaza regarding it repair status. Staff reported that the web-based video camera was sent out for repair work and a replacement camera was installed for the duration.

Alan Rich, GIS Manager for the Information Services Department provided an overview of the updated GIS digital aerial photograph of Milpitas that was taken in early spring 2004.

The digital map provides improved and updated data and city features since it first photograph taken back in summer of 1999.

Commissioner Gopalara noted that a digital map of existing wireless map providers plotted out for future planning. Staff noted it would need to work with planning staff to confirm the location of antennas. He also asked of a policy of selling the information and data of the GIS map.

Staff noted that a nondisclosure agreement is first made with a purchaser in order to protect the City's investment. After which the purchaser can access the pertinent data and information from the map.

Commissioner Gopalara was also concerned with the possible abuse of the map information by individuals.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta/R. Gopalara

Ayes: 9

5. Round table discussion.

Commissioner D. Gupta suggested the Commission consider changing the name of the group to include technology. Chair Alcorn noted that the Commission did review such a request several years ago but later rejected due to generality of the term. Noting that the terminology would include general home electronics.

Staff noted that September would be the Commission's 10-year anniversary. Staff would provide information on its first meeting and share with the Commission.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Chair Alcorn adjourned the meeting to Monday, September 20, 2004.

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